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Cigarettes, Cigars, and Pipe Tobacco

1. The following brands of cigarettes are on sale throughout Estonia:¹

<u>Brand</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in Rubles</u>
Kino	Pkg of 10	.55
Parashutist	Pkg of 10	.55
Prima	Pkg of 20	1.35
Lennik	Pkg of 20	4.00
Raketa	Pkg of 25	0.48
Boks	Pkg of 25	0.48
Sport	Pkg of 25	0.80
Pushki	Pkg of 25	1.30
Volna	Pkg of 25	1.35
Katyusha	Pkg of 25	1.50
Sever	Pkg of 25	1.50
Belomor	Pkg of 25	2.50
Kanal	Pkg of 25	2.50
Kazbek	Pkg of 25	3.90
Estoniya	Pkg of 25	5.00
Gvardeyskaya	Pkg of 25	6.00
Luks	Pkg of 25	6.00

2. Two hundred grams of Moryak pipe tobacco cost five rubles.

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3. In July 1953, a cigar cost 1.60 rubles in Vilnyus.

Food

4. The following are typical food prices:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in Rubles</u>
Candy	1 kg	10.00 - 55.00
Honey	1 kg	26.00 - 30.00
White flour	1 kg	6.00 - 9.00
Rye flour	1 kg	3.00
Liver sausage, very poor quality	1 kg	4.00
Beef sausage, better quality	1 kg	11.00
Pork sausage, better quality	1 kg	30.00
Live young pig	1 kg	15.00
Live old pig	1 kg	10.00
Halva, made of nuts, sugar, oil	1 kg	20.00
Sorb fruit	1 kg	0.40

5. A person can obtain one kilogram of corn from the State for two kilograms of potatoes. There is no noticeable variation between actual prices and published prices.

Clothing and Miscellaneous Items

6. The following are some typical prices:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in Rubles</u>
Kerosene	1 kg (sic)	1.60
Bicycle oil	small bottle	1.60
Rubber glue	small bottle	1.80
School atlas	1	8.00
Anatomy textbook	1	12.00
Balli (a white metal)	1 kg	26.00
Grinding stone approx. 25 cm x 1 cm	1	7.00
Maasika soap	1 cake	1.60, 2.00, 2.50 and 3.00, depend- ing on size
Woman's shoes	1 pr	60.00 - 150.00
Stockings	1 pr	10.00 - 15.00
Tie	1	10.00
Man's hat	1	15.00 - 70.00
Shirt	1	50.00 - 130.00
Sport shorts	1 pr	20.00 - 50.00
Galoshes	1 pr	30.00 - 50.00
Tennis shoes	1 pr	25.00 - 35.00
Boot polish	1 box	1.50
Felt boots with leather soles and strips	1 pr	120.00 ²

7. Clothing and shoes are bought at State stores, stores of the promkombinat, and from tailors' artels. Only secondhand clothes are sold in the market; the sale of new articles is prohibited.
8. In July 1953, the following items were in short supply: Raincoats with lining, which could only be obtained in Leningrad and occasionally in Tallinn; black thread; brown boot polish, available only in towns; and galoshes and tennis shoes, only small and large sizes available.
9. If a kolkhoznik wants to order felt boots from a promkombinat, he first has

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to prove that his wool quota has been delivered to the State; he next has to sell additional wool to the State to buy cotton; he then delivers the cotton to the promkombinat which makes the boots for 40 rubles. For two raw hides delivered to the State, a person can receive one tanned hide.

10. The State pays 75 kopeks for empty half-liter bottles. It pays one ruble per gram for human blood.

Industrial Supplies

11. The Industrial Enterprise of the Abja Rayon Consumers' Union paid the following prices for supplies early in 1953:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price in Rubles</u>
Carbide	1 kg	1.32
150 atmosphere oxygen (sold to consumers for 1.10 rubles for used atmosphere)	1 bottle	20.00
Lath iron	1 kg	0.60 - 0.90
Coal, third quality	1 kg	0.25
Sheet iron	1 kg	5.50
Black nitro paint	$\frac{1}{2}$ liter	8.00
Welding wire	1 kg	6.20
Ammonia	1 kg	3.50
Welding electrode	1	0.50 - 0.60
Lead	1 kg	125.00
Scrap iron	1 ton	60.00
Scrap brass, aluminum, or lead	1 kg	1.80
Rags	1 kg	0.50

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